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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CONCERNING
CLIFFORD MISSION

REF: ANKARA 0772; STATE 24259

1. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL INVITED ME TO BREAKFAST THIS
MORNING (FEB. 3) TO DISCUSS THE CLIFFORD MISSION. HIS STRASBOURG
DISCUSSIONS WITH BITSIOS AND THE ALLEGED MONDALE INTERVIEW IN
TERCUMAN ALSO CAME UP. (REGARDING
LATTER, DEPTTEL 24259 HAD REACHED ME JUST PRIOR TO BREAKFAST AND
WAS MOST HELPFUL.)

2. THE CONVERSATION WAS AN INTERESTING AND HELPFUL ONE,
AND LATER IN THE DAY I WILL BE REPORTING IT IN DETAIL.
I AM AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL BE MEETING WITH
AMBASSADOR ESENBEL EARLY IN THE DAY WASHINGTON
TIME, AND I AM SENDING OFF THIS BRIEF SUMMARY IN THE
HOPES THAT IT WILL REACH YOU PRIOR TO THAT MEETING.

3. IN ESSENCE, CAGLAYANGIL MADE SAME BASIC POINTS
EXPOUNDED BY ACTING FONMIN OZTURK, AND I THEREFORE
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RECOMMEND THAT YOU REVIEW MY REPORT OF THAT EARLIER
CONVERSATION (EMBTTEL 0772) BEFORE SITTING DOWN WITH
ESENBEL. DESPITE ELEKDAG'S COMMENT TO ME (REPORTED LAST
PARA EMBTEL 0772), CAGLAYANGIL MADE NO REAL EFFORT TO
DISCOURAGE OR DELAY THE MISSION--EVEN THOUGH HE
SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME TOGETHER REVIEWING HIS CONCERNS
ABOUT IT. HE SAID THAT THE MISSION WOULD BE WELCOME TO

COME ANY TIME THIS MONTH EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD RUNNING
FROM THE 13TH TO THE 20TH.

4. CAGLAYANGIL'S MAIN MESSAGE TO ME THIS MORNING WAS
THAT THE TIMING OF THE CLIFFORD MISSION WAS LESS IMPORTANT
THAN THE TERMS USED BY THE USG TO DESCRIBE IT. AGAIN
AND AGAIN HE EMPHASIZED THAT SECRETARY CLIFFORD MUST NOT
COME AS A "FACT FINDER" OR IN A GUISE WHICH LINKS THE US/
TURKISH SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS
CAGLAYANGIL SUGGESTS INSTEAD THAT TERMS SUCH AS
"MONDALE-TYPE CONSULTATIONS", "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS," "SEEKING THE
VIEWS OF FRIENDS"--OR PHRASES THAT CARRY
THAT TYPE OF CONNOTATION--BE EMPLOYED. HE NOTED THAT
DEFENSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND TURKEY WERE IN VERY
SOLID SHAPE WHEN MR. CLIFFORD WAS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND
HE SUGGESTED THAT A PUBLIC REFERENCE TO MR. CLIFFORD AS AN OFFICIAL
WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT, AND INTERESTED IN, GOOD SECURITY
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND TURKEY WOULD ALSO BE A
HELPFUL POSTURE FOR THE VISIT HERE.

5. CAGLAYANGIL ASKED WHOM I THOUGHT CLIFFORD WOULD
WANT TO SEE. I SAID THAT I ASSUMED HE WOULD WANT TO
HAVE ONE OR MORE LENGTHY AND UNHURRIED MEETINGS WITH
HIM AND WITH THE PRIMIN AND THAT THESE WOULD BE HIS
MOST IMPORTANT SESSIONS. BEYOND THAT I SPECULATED THAT
SECRETARY CLIFFORD WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO TALKING WITH
OTHERS IF THIS WAS WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WISHED. CAGLAYANGIL
ASKED WHETHER CLIFFORD WAS COMING ALONE. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT HE
WOULD HAVE A SMALL SUPPORT STAFF WITH HIM.
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